

# The Mint, Exeter, History and News

By Peter David Smith

The Mint is a little footpath, alleyway or public pedestrian area in Exeter. It is so named because coins were minted there hundreds of years ago. One end of the footpath connects to Fore Street and the other end connects to Bartholomew Street West. There is a church, The Mint Methodist Church, on one side and on the other side a wine bar which used to be a pub, in those days, called “The Mint” pub. There are also some Fore Street restaurants which have rear access in The Mint.

There are some houses and old religious buildings. The oldest of them is Saint Nicholas Priory which was built by William the Conqueror in 1087, only 21 years after the invasion by the Normans.





Here are some other shots of The Mint.

For instance, here's Saint Nicholas Priory:







**Other religious buildings adjacent:**





# SHOCK NEWS!

Today, the 22nd of August 2025, I saw a dead rat in the part of The Mint adjacent to the restaurants. I took some pictures:













I've lived in Exeter for 33 years and this is the first time I've ever seen a rat anywhere in the city.

In May there was a local power cut for several hours following a sudden fireball explosion at an electrical power substation in The Mint.

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# Frightening ball of fire sparked huge incident in Exeter

An inferno raged metres away from properties



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By **Paul Greaves** Senior News Reporter

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FIRE AT THE MINT EXETER

A huge ball of fire erupted from a burning electricity substation in

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## Homes left without power after substation fire




Crews remain at the scene for damping down and monitoring hotspots

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 A fire has broken out in the centre of Exeter (Image: Steve Smith)

Homes have been evacuated and more than 400 people are without power on Sunday morning after a major fire broke out in **Exeter** city centre. The blaze erupted at an electrical sub station in the Fore Street area at about 6am.

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